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NEW GOV. TAKES OFFICE SATURDAY

After six years of continuous service as Governor of Michigan, Alex J. Groesbeck will, on January 1st, step down from that lofty position to make room for his successor, Fred W. Green of Ionia. Mr. Groesbeck has an established law practice in Detroit and will, no doubt, resume active duties in that profession.

Mr. Green will bring a changed atmosphere to Lansing. Gov. Groesbeck is a bachelor and as such Michigan society lacked the social leadership of a "first lady." Governor Green will bring to Lansing a most charming and interesting family, and there is going to be a greater interest in women's affairs in Michigan than there has been in at least six years.

There will be other changes, too. Commissioner Baird is slated to be fired by the new governor, according to campaign promises, within three minutes after the latter assumes authority; and Baird promises to resign in less than that time. Now it remains to be seen whether or not Baird was only bluffing, and if so, whether or not Mr. Green will carry out his campaign promise. It would be a pity if his strong influence being brought to bear upon Mr. Green, elect to retain Mr. Baird on the conservation commission. If our new governor lives up to the principles he has been advocating, then he will eliminate professional politicians, and if John Baird isn't a professional in the game of politics, then we don't know where else to look for one.

It would seem to the average citizen who keeps his thumb upon the trend of the affairs of this state that Gov. Groesbeck had every following the revelations over the "Hiram Johnson of Zilwaukee" affair. And also during the primary campaign last summer Mr. Baird apparently tried to besmear the reputation of ex-Congressman Fawcett by certain claims which, when cornered, Mr. Baird admitted that they had nothing to do with this year's campaign. The sportsman of Crawford county too appear to be dissatisfied with the way Mr. Baird managed some of our fishing regulations. Anyway, we hope Mr. Baird will either resign or be fired, for we believe he is not generally wanted. Who will take his place? It has not yet been announced, but we have no fears but that it will be someone big enough for the job and who will forget politics in the conducting of the state's affairs.

We have the utmost faith in Mr. Green and predict that he is to become one of Michigan's most famous governors. In behalf of the people of Crawford county we extend to him a most cordial welcome.

After 12 o'clock next Saturday the address will be Governor Fred W. Green, Capitol building, Lansing.

January 1st of each odd year usually sees a number of changes in county officials and consequent new tenants in some of the county offices. There will be but one change in the court house this time, and that is in the clerk's office. For ten years, Frank Sales has held the office of clerk in a most capable manner. He entered upon the work of clerkship without any knowledge of its duties and made good. Of course it took time to become familiar with the affairs of the county, just as it is going to do in the case of Mr. Sales's successor—Charles Gierke, but he did it. And so when Mr. Gierke assumes the duties of that office it will be without having had

any previous training. Of course he won't be expected to know as much about the routine of the office as he might after many years of experience, nor does anyone expect him to for that would be unreasonable. All county affairs are now under a universal accounting system and with the assistance and information on the part of the prosecuting attorney and other officers that has been offered the incoming clerk, there is not going to be any noticeable setback in the county.

Mr. Sales says that he has not yet decided just what he will do in the future, but will, however, continue in the coal business.

F. & A. M. LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Grayling Lodge No. 356 F. & A. M. held their annual installation of officers Monday night, Dec. 27th, and are as follows:

W. M.—H. G. Jarmin. (Re-elected)
S. W.—C. D. Strachly
J. W.—C. W. Peterson.
Treas.—R. D. Connine. (Re-elected)
Sec'y.—A. B. Failing.
S. O.—Clark N. Yost. (Re-elected)
J. L.—Oscar Swanson. (Re-elected)
Stewards—A. L. Roberts, D. Weir, Tyler—W. W. Lewis.

Health Talk

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE

How you regard woman's present day fashion in dress all depends upon your point of view and the nature of your criterion. There is one criterion which is the reasonable basis for all judgment in the matter, does the prevailing style in woman's dress render her a healthier, happier woman, and does it make her potentially or actually a healthier, happier mother?

With this single criterion in mind we can judge each item of woman's garb, and decide with reason and fairness whether it is good or bad. The short skirt shall first be brought to the bar of judgment. It goes without argument that a heavy skirt puts strain on shoulders and waist, and that the heavy skirt is the long skirt. The short skirt is light and therefore healthful. Lighter throughout, less dragging through mud and snow, less accumulated dampness, fewer germs brought in from the street and dragged about the floor where babies and children play. The verdict goes unanimously to the short skirt. With the departure of the long heavy skirt and its heavy lining have gone numerous petticoats that were its accompaniment. Lighter throughout, less dragging, giving her added grace and freedom of movement and giving her muscles opportunity for normal development.

Whether or not the lighter garments of today increase women's susceptibility to colds and other respiratory difficulties has been hotly debated. Regardless of styles of dress, the insurance companies continue to rejoice over the increased expectation of life for both men and women, and make no specifications in regard to clothing when insuring women. The death rate from tuberculosis continues to go down. Because of the greater amount of fatty tissue which she possesses women are less susceptible to changes of temperature than are men, and more resistant to both heat and cold. Lighter garments then, would make less difference for her in this respect.

That old fashioned instrument of torture which women wore, armor plate masquerading under the name of corset, has gone into the discard. Women know that they were painful, and scientific men affirm them to have been injurious to women as individuals, and as a nation. They meant flabby muscles and misplaced organs. It is well then that the corset is out of fashion.

In the matter of shoes times have changed. A woman today confesses openly to a six or a seven or an eight shoe. She is comfortable so she cares not what the size of her feet. She likes her low heels too. Nature never designed the tip tilting that results when a woman's heels rise at the heel.

The low neck is another innovation that has called forth tributes from moralists and sometimes from mistake on health zealots. But let us apply the standard of judgment. Which is more healthful the high collar collar of a by-gone day, which cut off circulation, produced headache and eye-strain, or the low neck which makes for beauty of contour, for comfort, for greater exposure to the health giving rays of the sun, and increased resistance to disease.

Judged by this, the one reasonable standard which can be applied to the issue, the styles of today are infinitely more healthful than the styles of yesterday. Because of this, one cannot repress the hope that for the sake of mothers and their children the prevailing styles will long prevail.

Former band leader remembered by the Grayling Bandmen

Gaylord, Dec. 28, 1926.

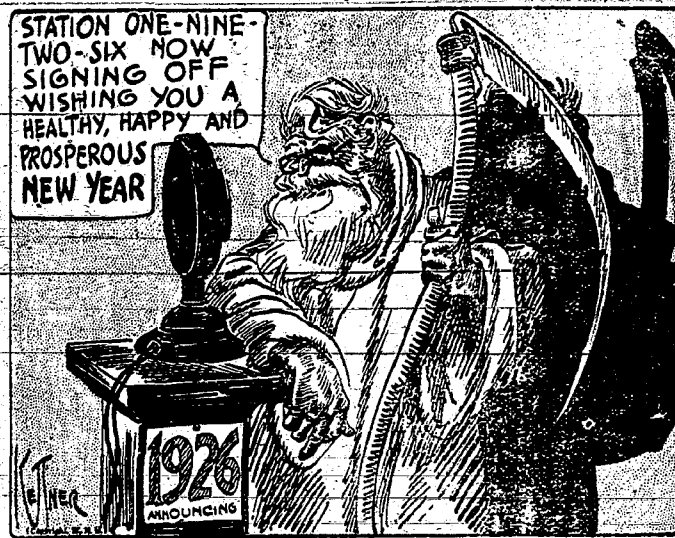
To The Members of The Citizens Band:

I wish to thank you for the beautiful gift presented to me by the manager.

Your Friend and past Director, Ed. G. Clark.

A Pennsylvania man in a fit of despondency committed suicide in a taxi the other evening. That's what comes of watching the taximeter.

Signing Off



Charity Ball

New Year's Eve.
School
Gymnasium

You are
Cordially Invited

FRY-BABBITT WEDDING

Miss Hazel Fry, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, Roscommon, was united in marriage to Ellsworth Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Barber of Grayling, on Christmas night.

The wedding ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Babbitt. Rev. Baughn tied the knot. The wedding party was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. Fry, mother of the bride, and daughters, Misses Nellie and Edna, and Roy Griffin, all of Roscommon; Mr. and Mrs. Barber, parents of the groom; Mrs. Alice Scott, and daughter Alice of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Scott and daughter, Virginia of Grayling.

A delightful wedding supper was enjoyed by the wedding party and guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt, immediately following the ceremony.

The bride was attractively attired in a dress of blue charmeuse, trimmed with bolts de rose, and the bridesmaid appeared in a dress of brown charmeuse and gold lace.

After a few days visit at the home of the bride's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Barber will make their home in Flint, where Mr. Barber is in the employ of the Buick Motor Co.

POPULAR ENTERTAINER HERE JAN. 6

NED WOODMAN, CARTOONIST

However familiar you may be with the work of Ned Woodman in the newspapers, humorous publications and trade periodicals of the country, you know little about him until you have seen and heard him as an entertainer.

Woodman's humor is of such a character that the printing press can only show you a small part of it. You could listen to his remarks, stories, dialect readings and verses, even if you were blindfolded, and be



Ned Woodman, Cartoonist

highly entertained; but you'd better use your eyes, because his "lectures" are built around those big crayon pictures which he draws for you while you are listening to him.

Some of these pictures are pretty, others are irresistibly comical, and all are strong and spirited and have some sort of a point to them. Pleasant and laughable surprises permeate his entire program and yet you carry away something better than a mere memory of having been amused. Such words as "instructive" and "enlightening" are sometimes used in speaking of his work. He admits that he doesn't see just why, but he hopes he is not doing much harm.

See him and hear him laugh and they think—and then laugh some more.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH
THURSDAY EVENING, JAN 6

CHARITY BALL NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Charity Ball given by the Hospital Aid for the benefit of Mercy hospital will take place Friday, Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve. A large attendance is desired. Come and dance the Old Year out and the New Year in. You will also be helping out the good cause. Tickets \$1.50 per couple, Children 25 cents. Extra lady, 50 cents. Lunch, extra.

Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, Jan. 2, 1902

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson, Dec. 30, a son. A happy New Year's gift.

Chas. Covert spent Christmas week with his brother, W. B., at the ranch down the river.

Frank Corwin has bought the 80 acre farm of T. Odell on section 33, this township.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hartwick of Jackson were among the Christmas guests in town last week.

Rev. Bekker and family were glad-timed at Christmas time by the home coming of both the boys.

J. Leese and E. Sparks are the new stewards of Grayling Lodge, F. & A. M. and R. P. Forbes is Tyler.

Born—On Christmas eve, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fallor, a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ingerson, a grandson.

Mrs. Ella McIntyre was glad to welcome her brother, Mr. Isaac Johnson of Oakley for a holiday visit last week.

Miss Josie Jones came home from Saginaw Tuesday of last week for a visit with her parents and friends during the holidays.

H. Schreiber Jr. of South Branch was in town last Friday. He is getting ready to make final proof on his homestead.

J. H. Redhead was in town the last of the week. His sawmill in 26-1, is running—and he will be cutting shingles this week.

J. J. Neiderer is building an extension addition to his ice-house. He must be anticipating "aghot time" in the old town next summer.

We are pleased to note that Miss Rita Coventry has accepted the position in one school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Coates.

John Ginnebaugh of Lyons came on the first of the week with two fine teams for his son, Chas. Ginnebaugh, for use in his camp west of Portage lake.

Miss May Blanshan came home from her school at Houghton—Lake last Friday, closing a successful term.

The board have offered her another term which she may accept.

Chas. Cowell returned to school at Big Rapids last Monday morning. He will finish his course in March.

Justice McElroy locked one drunk up for ten days, and another paid ten dollars fine and costs, rather than to accept Sheriff Owen's hospitality.

The Dowel Pin factory has been bothered for the past week for the want of stock. It is coming in now, and it is hoped there may be no further delay.

Ed. Hempstead went to Fenton last week and spent Christmas with his father. He reports the family elegantly situated in their new home and that he had an enjoyable visit. He returned to his work in Bear Lake camp last Saturday.

Miss Minnie Enright, who has been Douglas and family spent Christmas night at the M. C. eating house, in until she seemed a part of the institution, has accepted a position in the government building at Bay City.

Messrs. J. K. Bates, F. R. Deckrow, J. Sherman and Archie Howse of Maple Forest and W. T. Lewis of Frederic attended the installation services and took in the fine banquet.

Chas. Dyer is visiting his sister, Mrs. Baughart.

Judge Items

Mr. Sam Poyce spent Christmas in Grayling.

J. R. Kilbourne went to Bay City for his Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Douglas spent New Years in Grayling.

Mr. Geo. Redhead has gone into the shingle business in these parts. We hope he will make a success of his venture.

Mrs. Jos. Davis is in Detroit undergoing medical treatment. It is hoped that she will be able to return to her home soon.

Mrs. Jos. Sims is now handling the mail for the patrons of Judge P. O. There are none more capable of doing so. Mrs. Judge has resigned.

J. E. Douglas and wife and Chas. Douglas and family spent Christmas at Mr. Joseph Douglas' home in Lovells, where Mrs. Douglas had a well laden Christmas tree in the evening. Mr. Douglas played Santa Claus, and all were well remembered.

The young people enjoyed a few hours dancing at the home of Mrs. Sims after the presents were distributed. All report a very enjoyable time.

PORTAGE LODGE K. OF P. ELECT OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the K. of P. lodge last evening at the American Legion hall the following were chosen to fill the various offices for the ensuing year:

C. C.—Lyle Mils.
V. C.—Roy O. Mines.
Frelate—Charles Gierke.
M. W.—J. Fred Alexander.
K. of R. & S.—E. L. Sparkes.
M. T.—Herluf Sorenson.

A seat in the New York stock exchange has been sold for \$170,000. This seat couldn't have cost much more had it been a genuine antique.

Great Britain is gradually becoming Americanized. Automobiles in London are now killing three people daily.

GIVEN AWAY

Cassidy's Bakery is giving away

FREE!

Sport Model Automobile
Coaster Wagon and
Kiddie Car

to the lucky boy or girl who brings in the greatest number of Blue Birds, cut from our Blue Bird Bread wrappers.

The boy or girl who brings in up to Saturday afternoon, March 6th, 1927, at 4:00 o'clock, the greatest number of Blue Birds gets the Automobile, the one having the second greatest number, the Coaster Wagon, and the third largest number the Kiddie Car.

Boys and Girls, get busy and ask your friends to save the wrappers off their bread, and bring them in.

Cassidy's Bakery



A NEW YEAR IS FLIRTING WITH US AND WE ARE ABOUT TO DESERT OUR OLD LOVE, THE YEAR 1926, THE YEAR THAT HAS BEEN SO GOOD TO US. BUT THAT IS THE RATE OF YEARS THEY MUST COME AND GO, AND AS THEY PASS, THEY OPEN 365 NEW, CLEAN, WHITE PAGES BEFORE US. WE MUST FILL THOSE PAGES. LET US ACCEPT THEM WITH UNBOUNDED FAITH AND RESOLVE TO DO EVEN A LITTLE BETTER THAN WE DID DURING THE YEARS THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE.

IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT THE MANY PATRONS WHO HAVE FAVORED US WITH THEIR PATRONAGE THIS YEAR WILL FIND US BETTER FITTED THAN EVER BEFORE TO SERVE THEM. AND OUR SINCERE WISH FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IS EXTENDED TO EACH AND EVERY FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL IN THIS COMMUNITY.

T. W. HANSON
Lumber and Building Material
Phone 622

As We Turn the Page to 1927

we find spread before us a page, unblemished by a wrong deed or thought, free from any touch of that which is unfair or untrue to friendship for our fellowmen, but with space unlimited to record the good deeds, the kind thoughts and the things we may do for the betterment of mankind. With the keenest desire and most sincere resolve to do our utmost, individually, to make our record on this new page during 1927, as nearly perfect as possible, we wish you each and all a

Happy, Happy New Year

Oscar P. Schumann,
for the
CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

Happy New Year

Our best wishes for your success and happiness

Let us all pull together for a bigger and better Grayling so we can truthfully say we are the hearth of this wonderful section of Michigan.

CENTRAL DRUG STORE
C. W. OLSEN PROP.
GRAYLING, MICH.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE
O. P. SCHUMANN, Editor.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1926

A GREAT BLESSING

Those who listen nightly to the wonderful concerts sent by radio from New York City and many other large cities in the United States must concede that the radio is one of the greatest discoveries in the recent years. To sit comfortably in an easy chair in the warmth of one's own home and listen to programs by some of the world's greatest artists is certainly the height of real comfort and luxury. Do we appreciate the times in which we live or do we accept some of the present conveniences as those of the commonplace? Even the most isolated farm home may have its radio and is no longer shut off from the outside world. They may hear the latest in song, plays and news just as readily as those who live in the thickly settled communities. It is a great blessing. Statistics show that one out of every six farmers in the country now has a radio set and a good one.

NORMAL BUSINESS FOR 1927 IS SEEN BY C. W. NASH

That nothing exists in the general business condition of the country today which should cause us to feel we are not entitled to expect a normal business for the year 1927 is the opinion of C. W. Nash, president of The Nash Motor Company, and looked upon as a spokesman for the automobile industry.

"While it is a fact," said Mr. Nash, "that the cotton crop was 'too good' this year, making the price too low and that early frost damaged some of the corn crop, and in the north-west, the weather was damaged, which to some extent, yet I believe we will emerge from these drawbacks and find ourselves in a rather healthy position."

"I feel that we will not be confronted with too much political turmoil next year and I am of the opinion that if business men as a whole take a sane view of conditions and operate their various businesses along sane and economical lines, we are bound to have a very satisfactory year."

"It should not be overlooked that the balance of the world is getting into a little better position to buy more goods from America than have been bought in the past few years. I am very hopeful that labor will recognize the important part it has played in the affairs of our nation and will go along in the same manner it has been following for some time past. This also would have a great bearing on general conditions of 1927."

"So far as the automobile industry in particular is concerned, I feel that its outlook is safe and sound. However, I believe it to be a fact that the automobile business will be done by fewer manufacturing companies in the future than in the past but that automobiles will be made in large numbers and they will be made better each year. In this connection, I don't see anything particularly hazardous about the financing of automobiles for the retail buyer when financed on a proper basis."

ONLY CREDIT ASKED

If a newspaper should publish current gossip, or hints and allusions of the best society in the community it would be ostracized and the editor horsewhipped or burned at the stake. Think a minute of the mean and low things you say about your townsmen and your neighbors and imagine how it would look in print. Don't criticize the newspapers for what they print, but give them great credit for what they don't print. A newspaper that contained one-half the nonsense current among the best citizens would be considered unfit to read. Honest!

A New Jersey mother recently spanked her fifteen-year-old daughter who had run away to get married and then forgave her. It would appear in this case that the spankings should have begun earlier.

Local News

Don't say Bread, say Blue Bird. cf.

O. F. Barnes of Lansing was in Grayling on business Wednesday.

Miss Genevieve Montour expects to spend the New Year's holidays in Bay City.

Mrs. Elsie Pettit and son John are spending the week in Detroit and River Rouge.

Mrs. Hans Niederer and children are spending the holidays in Bay City with relatives.

Howard Herriek of Flint visited over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herriek.

Oscar Taylor and son Charles visited over Christmas with his son and daughters who reside in Detroit.

Collen's Hill at Lake Margrethe is being enjoyed during the holiday season with skiing and tobogganing parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinney of Gaylord spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappell.

Miss Bessie Brown is spending the holidays in Caro, a guest of the Thomas Trudo and Alva Roberts families.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarmin entertained the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hawthorne of Bay City over the yuletide.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown spent Christmas in Bay City with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff.

Mr. L. H. Chamberlin spent Christmas in Detroit visiting Mrs. Chamberlin and his son and daughters, who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigwald Hanson and children visited over Christmas with Mrs. Hanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Struble of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mathiesen enjoyed a visit over Christmas from Mrs. Jane Franklin and Thomas Robert of Manistique.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sivrais left last week to spend a couple months with their children, who reside in Detroit, Flint and Bay City.

Mrs. Chas. Woodberry and daughter Mary Lou of Bay City arrived Wednesday to spend New Year's at the home of Joseph McLeod.

Try our Willard batteries when in need of one. Use our garage for your battery storage this winter. Alfred Hanson Service Station.

Miss Anna Nelson returned to Grand Rapids Tuesday night after spending Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson.

Misses Ingeborg and Agnes Hanson were home from Detroit for Christmas visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson.

Miss Janet Matson, who is employed by the Western Union in Detroit, was home over Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Efner Matson.

Mrs. Owen Cameron is leaving tomorrow for Bay City for a few days visit before going to Cadillac, where she will enter the St. Mary's hospital training school for nurses.

Big crowds are gathering to enjoy the lyceum course this year. The next popular number appears here Jan. 10th, in the person of Ned Woodman. Come early if you want a good seat.

Mrs. William Heric entertained a few friends at cards Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Frank Kernes, Mrs. Edward King and Mrs. Ollie Cody, who were visiting here. Lunch was enjoyed after the games.

Edgar and Clyde Dyer, who have been employed in Detroit, arrived to spend Christmas with relatives and expect to remain here indefinitely. They are visiting their sisters, Mrs. Clifford Chappell and Mrs. Rex Chappell.

Little Jack Hull was slightly injured early last evening when he was struck by a fender of the truck driven by George Corwin, at the corner of Cedar street and Michigan avenue. Luckily George was not going fast, or the lad might have been severely hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Petersen and children of Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. William Fober and daughters and Peter Peterson of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. James Olson and family of Grand Blanc visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson had as their guests over Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warner and son Ralph Jr., Miss Helga Jorgenson and Mr. Chas. Smith, all of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jorgenson of Flint; and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jorgenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner and son, Messrs. Chas. Smith and Roy Culham returned to their homes Monday, while the other guests will remain to spend New Year's at the Jorgenson home.

It has been the custom of the Bridge club for several years to give a party at Christmas time that is not known as the regular weekly party of the club year. This year the dinner was given at Shopperton Inn and was a usual very delightful affair. Covers were laid for thirty-four guests at long tables very prettily decorated with four unique Christmas table ornaments arranged by the local florist. Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert opened their lovely home to the guests for the evening, when eight tables were filled for dinner.

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NOTICE

The parties in Ford coupe who entered my cottage at Higgins lake are known and will be prosecuted if the offense is repeated.

Mrs. M. F. Bingham.

What has become of the old-fashioned housewife who used to knit a few pairs of socks for Christmas?

To get the most out of life

You Must Help the Other Fellow Live

Especially is this time-proved axiom true in Community life

If you would grow and prosper, a definite and appreciable part of your efforts must be expended in making this Community a better place in which to live.

Then, and only then, will the Community life be able to hold the young folks here, and attract from the outside desired industries and peoples, thus placing us on a basis of sound prosperity and growth.

Grayling Board of Trade

W. W. Lewis
President

C. J. McNamara
Vice-President

B. E. Smith
Sec. Treas.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

One of the most valuable and useful industries in Grayling is the Grayling Creamery. Those of us who lived here before we had the creamery will doubtless remember that milk was so scarce that even some of the infants suffered for the want of it. This doesn't seem possible but it is the TRUTH nevertheless. And cream was almost an impossibility. There were very few dairy cattle in this community and far from enough to supply the milk that was needed. With the creamery running it is an easy matter to get all the milk and cream that is wanted. But a creamery can't thrive on the sale of milk and cream only. They must make and sell butter and ice cream in order to make the business profitable. Are we all using Grayling Creamery butter in our homes? Their product is excellent and the price no higher than shipping butter. Why not ask for Grayling Creamery butter the next time we order that product? If your grocer doesn't handle it just tell him that you want Grayling butter and he will be glad to put it in stock. If you can't get it at your grocers, phone the creamery, No. 918, and your order will be delivered. We need this creamery so let's stick by Mr. Bobb and help to make the industry a success.

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Happy New Year everybody! Ezra Highlen is with us again after nine months absence on the Great Lakes.

A fine Christmas program and tree at the Methodist church Christmas eve. Everyone was delighted, especially the children when Santa Claus appeared.

Jay Odell bagged three nice fox in the last few days.

Some of our local boys are employed at Chris Johnson's camp.

Albert Lewis made a business trip to Bay City last week.

Our village blacksmith, W. Cox, has his new barn nearly completed.

Supervisor Goshorn made a trip to Bay City recently.

The school children are enjoying the holiday vacation.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the wife, sister and brothers of Lawrence Moran, of Detroit wish to express our thanks to the choir and friends who aided us in our bereavement with kind remembrances and flowers.

Mrs. Lawrence Moran,
Mrs. Norman Fisher,
Mr. Joseph Moran,
Mr. Philip Moran.

A famous architect says that the American audiences demand better acoustics. And better performances wouldn't hurt anybody, either.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

LOST—BACK BUMPER FOR Auto. between Grayling and Faldhausen schoolhouse. Finder please notify T. E. Douglas, Grayling.

APARTMENT FOR RENT—STEAM heated, bath and modern. Inquire of Mrs. Daisy Kraus at hardware store. Phone 1222.

RELIABLE YOUNG MAN WISHES Work—Odd jobs or any other work. Leave word at William Brado's, Chestnut St., one block east of hospital.

BUICK COUPE FOR SALE—GOOD buy. Inquire at Avalanche office.

GOOSE OIL WANTED—HIGHEST market price paid. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

HOUSE FOR RENT—ONE BLOCK from Grayling high school. Newly painted and redecorated on inside. New garage. Phone 1191.

STRAYED TO THE B. J. CALLAHAN home, a small hound, color black, white and tan. Inquire at Avalanche office.

LOST—SOMEWHERE ON Main St. Keychain with one key. Name. Kerry & Hanson stamped on outside of case. Reward offered. Leave at Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—Collie and Airedale puppies, 10 weeks old. Call phone 1061.

FOR SALE—NEARLY NEW 5c Slot machine. A bargain. Inquire at Avalanche office.

A BLACK AND WHITE HOUND pup strayed from hunting party, Dec. 12, 3 1/4 miles north of Grayling near M-14. Finder please notify C. R. Adams. Reward offered.

TIMBER WANTED—WE ARE now paying increased prices for box bolts. Write us for prices. Haverston Lumber & Silt Co., Bay City, Mich. 12-16-3

FOR SALE—B-FLAT CORNER. Harold McNeven, at Nick Schlotz grocery or Burke Apts.

STRAYED—TWO HORSES TO THE Hanson State Military Reservation. Owner may have same on proof of ownership and payment of costs. 12-9-6 LEROY PEARSON, Quartermaster General.

WANTED—CLEAN COTTON Rags. Avalanche Office.

FOR SALE—TWO STORY, EIGHT room house, cement block wall, good cement cellar, corner lot with garage. Is assessed at \$1200.00, and the Supervisor and Board of Review say it is worth more. My price is \$800.00 and purchaser pay 1926 tax. If interested write Chas. Ewalt, Mackinaw City, Mich. L. B. 74.

HOUSEWORK WANTED—BY THE day or hour. Mrs. Eva Bailey.

GARAGE FOR RENT OR FOR STORAGE. Mrs. Lotie Atkinson, South Side. Phone 1191.

WANTED—GIRLS' AND SMALL Children's coats and stockings. Also other articles from the homes. At the Salvage Shop. Open every day.

Drawing the Line

"I have every confidence in my wife," an Atchison man said, "but I am not going to give her lessons in plural practice."—Atchison Globe.

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COLD or OPINIONS
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Judging from the way the Democrats are starting senatorial investigations, one is apt to get the impression that only the Republicans are sharing in this present-day prosperity.

happy new year

THAT YOU May Have a Prosperous Year Is Our Sincere Wish

To the People of Grayling:

Just a few lines at the closing of the old year to wish you a Happy New Year.

We appreciate very much your patronage for 1926 and hope for a continuance during 1927.

May your every expectation be fulfilled during the year just dawning is our wish for you and yours.

Very truly yours,

Grayling Greenhouses

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When you need a new battery for your car or radio, don't forget we carry a full line of the well known

Willard Batteries

and our prices are right. We can also save you some money on

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When it is time to lay the car up for the winter, bear in mind that we also have

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and will call for your battery any time.

Alfred Hanson Service Station

Phone 1514

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent

Quite a Crop

Ira C. Marshall of Dola, Hardin county, Ohio, is champion corn grower of the world. This year he grew 168.6 bushels of shelled corn on ten acres, which is at the rate of over 168 bushels of shelled corn per acre. He is very careful to use only choice seed corn. Although his land is naturally very rich he puts manure on a legume seed and plows it under, then put on 200 pounds of fertilizer out of a log (commercial fertilizer). Then he puts some more commercial fertilizer by the side of the hill when the corn is three inches high.

Look at the yield he got—168 bushels of shelled corn from 10 acres! He thinks it pays to do as he did. You can't get something from nothing in the farming game.

There's Money in Soil Improvement
Each farmer should be saving up this winter to buy some lime and some fertilizer in the spring. Each should begin early to save, in order to be ready for his lime and fertilizer early in the spring.

Lime and Acid Phosphate
Not many people around here argue against lime. It is too well known to be what we need.

The next step is to get to plowing under more legume green manure crops, and then to sow some commercial fertilizer on top. Then we will get yields of potatoes, oats, hay and corn that are worth a man's time, taxes and use of his land.

This commercial fertilizer with most of us should be acid phosphate of which we have used several cars here.

Most of the soils in this region are lacking in the phosphorous that is

found in acid phosphate, so we have to put it there ourselves.

Acid phosphate, fortunately, is the cheapest of the fertilizers. Our farmers have found that it pays to use it.

Your county agent uses lots of it on his farm.

We will certainly see its use increase in Crawford county.

The next step better than acid phosphate is to use a 2-10-8 fertilizer, when starting alfalfa. These figures mean 2 parts nitrogen, 10 parts acid phosphate and 8 parts of potash. They mean that we have put 2 parts of nitrogen and 8 parts of potash with the acid phosphate that we have been using, for the 10 stands for the acid phosphate.

Bear down heavily on acid phosphate and save up to get it in the spring.

Acid phosphate excels in keeping pastures clean, also makes manure a better fertilizer and conserves liquid portions.

Dairy farmers, in particular, and livestock farmers, in general, are realizing more and more the advantage of having clean, healthful, and agreeable, smelling stables.

The acid phosphate they find takes up moisture and sweetens the stable equally as well as lime, and instead of lowering the value of the

manure, re-enforces or improves it. Farmers who follow this practice use from 1 to 3 pounds of acid phosphate per cow per day.

The Eye of The Master Fattens His Cattle

"There is an old German adage which says: 'The eye of the master fattens his cattle.' The meaning of this adage is that the herdsman must

watch and study the needs of his cattle if he is to know how to make them grow fast. It is equally true that the eye of the farmer makes his crops grow. In other words, the farmer must study his soil and his crops if he wants to raise large and profitable yields.

"If a farmer wishes to grow maximum yields and do it economically, it is necessary that he becomes acquainted with the factors that affect plant growth, and then find out which ones are deficient in his soil and proceed to correct them. Untold millions of dollars in time, labor and materials are wasted each year because many people who raise crops do not understand the factors that affect the yields.

The soil is a complicated machine. To make this machine operate economically to capacity, that is, produce large crops, is the business of the farmer. To operate this business successfully, it is necessary that the farmer study his machine and attend to its needs. In other words, 'The eye of the farmer makes his crops grow.'—From radio talk over Station WLS by Prof. Emil Truog, University of Wisconsin.

See the Picture

Just look several times at the picture below. It certainly tells the truth.

Your county agent is trying to give our farmers the right idea on this fertility business, so that we all can grow bigger yields—per acre, feed more stock to bring in money and cut down feed bills.

Here is the picture:

MORE MELON-CUTTING

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

For several weeks past the New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc., has taken the position that the present is an investor's market, and has pointed out as worth purchasing stocks of corporations having a good record of earnings over a period of years, sound capital position, wide margin of earnings over dividend disbursements, a good yield in consideration of the market price and dividend, and with the asset value of the shares well above the market price. Many of our clients took this advice and as a reward have participated handsomely in the extra cash and stock distributions which recently have been the vogue among the better class of industrial units.

The same advice holds good now. All the worth-while authorities look forward for another year of successful business. Industry is optimistic. It is free from fear. Consequently, the melon-cutting has only just begun. All during the fore part of 1927 there will be dividend increases and stock split-ups. The opportunities for investors lie in purchasing outright or nearly so such stocks as are likely to make such extraordinary rewards.

Quite naturally, preceding such increases or extras, the particular stocks will advance in market price, and this is an adjunct-not to be despised.

As a helpful hint to our friends we will mention here only a few of the opportunities for profitable purchases. American Steel Foundries, a highly regarded stock with increasing earnings and a trend towards higher ratings. Consolidated Gas, New York, with well secured dividends, yielding around 6 percent with an extra distribution imminent. Union Pacific, which is bulging with assets and cash. Texas Company, which is almost certain to increase its dividends in the near future. Loew's Inc., earning its dividend nearly three times over. Packard Motors, conspicuous among the motors and showing rapid growth of net profits. Cuba Company, Northern Pacific, Maryland Oil, Phillips Petroleum, U. S. Industrial Alcohol, Cuban American Sugar and Erie preferred.

Automobile fatalities in Grand Rapids in 1926 totaled 11, which was 25 under the 1925 mark. Safety Director James Sinko reported: Last year 36 persons died as a result of automobile accidents. In 1924 there were 21 deaths recorded and in 1923 there were 25, while in 1922 the total was 34. The month of November, with a record of 1,186 automobile accidents, stands out as the worst month in the traffic circles of Grand Rapids. The accidents involved 1,824 male drivers and 112 women motorists.

Four lake vessels are marooned in the ice of Saginaw Bay with the virtual certainty they will have to remain there all winter. The four, the Langell Boys, Saginaw lumber barge, the Sarnia City, a Port Huron tug, and the barges Elmore and Bradley, of Bay City, were within five miles of Bay City at one time, but the ice went out from the mouth of the river and swept them up into the bay again. The ice took them out further in one hour, than what progress they had been able to make in three days.

Detroit's ascension to the coveted position of America's third industrial city has been confirmed in the recent announcement of industrial statistics assembled by the department of commerce.

The government census shows that the total wholesale value of products manufactured in Wayne county during the year ending December 31, 1925, was \$2,854,845,245. The estimated retail value of these products is in excess of \$3,000,000,000.

On the payroll of one industrial concern for 55 years is the record of Carl Erling, of Kalamazoo, maker of Hae books. In 1871 Mr. Erling entered the employ of the Chiling Brothers & Everard Co. Two years ago his employers had a gold medal of honor struck for him. It was presented at a dinner when Mr. Erling was notified that he had been placed on pension at full pay for the rest of his life. His actual service, therefore, covered a period of exactly 55 years.

Tragedy stalked in the wake of the fifty-first anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Garret Hall, living southeast of Coldwater, when death claimed Mrs. Hall, 73 years old. She died suddenly while at a dinner arranged to fittingly observe the occasion by their two surviving children, John Hall and Mrs. Charles T. Bishop. The occasion also marked the seventy-fifth birthday of Mr. Hall. There were seven guests present who attended their wedding 51 years ago.

Michigan Happenings

The annual report of the Michigan Department of Labor and Industry for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1926, shows that in factories and workshops there were employed 754,051 males, 52,311 females, a total of 806,362. Average daily wages of males, \$6.02; of females, \$3.40 in factories and workshops. In stores the number of employees was 24,757, and their average daily wages, \$5.21; number of female employees, 30,471, average daily wage, \$3.18. The average wages of males in all industries of the state was \$5.98; average wages of females, \$3.25.

Snow removal from the streets of Traverse City is altogether too efficient for the draymen, it was revealed in a petition to the city commission by haulers of freight who use sleighs. City plows have been doing such a good job this winter that long stretches of the main streets are bare, the petition points out, making it impossible for the sleighs to travel. Another similar plea has come from farmers of the region, who live off the state trunk lines, who therefore, are compelled to use sleighs to reach the highways covered by state plows.

To bag a wild goose in Michigan is a feat which entitles the lucky nimrod to maintain an air of arrogance and aristocracy throughout all of a cold winter. But to bag five geese out of one flock puts the happy gunner in a class of exclusive longshoes. Among the lucky few who, however, have succeeded in a limit bag on geese this season is M. E. Davenport of Grand Rapids. Davenport's five birds were lesser snow geese which are smaller than Canada's but which wild fowl hunters count more delicately flavored.

Michigan is the third state in the union in the production of furniture and the second in number of workers thus employed and wages paid, the department of commerce announced recently. The ranking, as shown by 1925 production is as follows: New York, \$155,826,177; Illinois, \$109,230,867; Michigan, \$99,130,108; Indiana, \$80,687,630; Wisconsin, \$52,915,692; Pennsylvania, \$52,607,048; North Carolina, \$51,208,738; Ohio, \$47,588,668; California, \$36,726,511; and Massachusetts, \$33,638,637.

Henry "Tom" Stephens, millionaire banker, lumberman and traveler, and president of the First National Bank of Mt. Clemens, sends word from the Pacific Coast that he has acquired one of the rare silver dollars of the 1894 coinage, which is quoted at a premium of \$1,000. Only four silver dollars of that issue were coined. One was lost when a noted Turkish wrestler drowned during an ocean trip; one is owned by Riaz Bey, the shah of Persia, and the other by a Philadelphia man.

Purchase of Saugatuck business men of a gasoline motor car to have freight was the suggestion made to a committee of business men from that village by J. A. Anderson, superintendent, and George E. Hunt, division freight agent of the Chicago & North Western Railway. The Pere Marquette railroad, Saugatuck business men asked the railroad to provide freight service between Saugatuck and Holland as a result of the abandonment of the Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Railway company property.

Detroit, with a rate of 37.8 automobile fatalities per 100,000 stood thirteenth place among the cities of the country in 1925, the department of commerce announced recently. The rate compares with 25.5 in 1924 and 13.4 in 1921. While 12 cities had a larger proportion of deaths from auto accidents in 1925, only two of these Grand Rapids and Salt Lake City showed so heavy a percentage of increase over 1924. Grand Rapids rising to 29.2 from 10.6 and Utah's capital to 32 from 14.8.

Fred W. Green, Governor-elect, rode into Grand Rapids in an automobile operated by a bootlegger and heavily laden with liquor. Mr. Green's automobile broke down en route from Ionia to Muskegon and, with Mrs. Green he hailed a passing automobile. After Mr. Green had climbed into the automobile with his wife, he discovered that it was loaded with liquor. "We were mighty glad to get to Grand Rapids and I presume the driver was pleased, too," explained the Governor-elect.

Two-year-old Rodney Brooks, of Muskegon, drank two ounces of laxative extract while his mother was out of the house. He died soon after.

William Koen, 2, of Detroit, fell into a tub of boiling water and was scalded to death before his mother, Mrs. Joseph Koen, who was in another room of the house, could answer the child's screams.

Joseph Rossanski, 18 years old, of Grand Rapids, an employee of Michael Smolenski, operator of a meat market, was killed when he came in contact with a high tension wire while he was in a refrigerator at the market.

Read your Home Paper

HAD BAD EYE

Lavoptik Helped at Once
"I had a bad eye and a friend told me to use LAVOPTIK. It helped at once."
J. A. Connelly.
LAVOPTIK is a mild, soothing antiseptic which helps eye pains and inflammation surprisingly quick. Makes tired and weak eyes feel strong and fresh. Mac & Gidley, Druggists. 11

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We extend to you our best wishes for the New Year and hoping that success and happiness may be yours.

We appreciate sincerely the confidence you have placed in us during the past year and trust that we merit your continued patronage in the future.

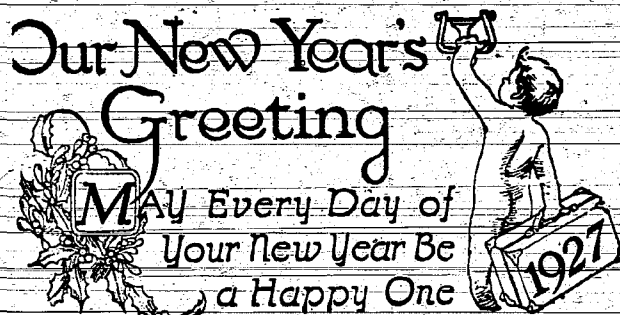
Grayling Electric Co.

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With 3,420,500 automobiles secured in Detroit to date in 1926, all previous records of automobile manufacture were broken, according to a survey just completed. The automobiles manufactured represent an estimated retail value of \$2,632,250,000. The figures do not include trucks or heavy commercial vehicles, but are restricted to the vehicles manufactured in the passenger automobile plants of the city. A little more than 75 per cent of the world's automobiles are manufactured in Detroit.

Homer Zimmerman, 32 years old, a fugitive from the Michigan Reformatory, at Ionia, 11-12 years, is back in his cell in the institution, and has more than 14 years to serve. Zimmerman was originally sentenced from Eaton county on Feb. 27, 1913, for burglary for a term of six months to 15 years. Paroled the same year, he broke his parole by not making the proper reports. Arrested recently at Charlotte as an auto thief, his past record was uncovered. No new charge was placed against him as he must serve out his old term.

The annual report of the Michigan Department of Labor and Industry for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, just issued, shows that at the close of the preceding year, June 30, 1925 the number of employees working under the workmen's compensation act was 27,168 and at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1926, the number was 29,795. During the fiscal year covered by the report, there were 32,120 compensable accidents. Of these 315 were fatal, 2,310 permanent disabilities, and 29,795 partial disabilities.



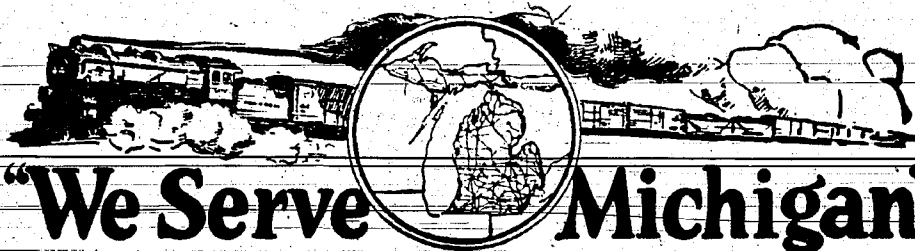
In grateful appreciation of your good will we wish you all the joys of the Season.

We enter the New Year with a determination to excel our past efforts to please you whose friendly business has helped make ours successful.

Grayling Creamery

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For Safe Fire Insurance Phone 1112



"We Serve Michigan"

Have We Reached The Danger Line in Taxation?

AMERICAN railroad taxes are mounting to new Alpine heights this year, the latest estimate for 1926, being that they will aggregate somewhere between \$400,000,000 and \$420,000,000, which may be expressed in various ways, although meaning the same heavy load:

- That they will average from \$1,005,800 to \$1,150,675 a day.
- That they will involve a charge per hour between \$45,659 and \$47,945.
- That from six cents to six cents and four and a half mills out of every dollar taken in will go towards taxes.
- That the railroads in 1926 will have to devote more than the net earnings of one mile out of every four for the payment of taxes.

The national government has cut down the national debt from January 1, 1920, to January 1, 1926, by about \$4,250,000,000—four and a quarter billions.

In the same interval, the debts of state and local governments have increased by about 6 1/2 billions—\$6,750,000,000.

During this period of federal debt reduction, the state and local governments have been incurring obligations 20 times as fast as they paid off the old debt. During this same period, debts of state and local governments combined have been incurred 4 1/2 times as fast as they were before the war.

The total public debt of all forms of government in this country is higher than at the peak of the war debt in 1919.

The national debt is being reduced at the rate of three quarters of a billion dollars a year—\$750,000,000.

State and local debt is being increased at the rate of more than a billion and a quarter dollars a year—\$1,250,000,000.

From January 1st, 1920, to January 1st, 1926, national government expenditures were reduced about two billion dollars—\$2,000,000,000.

During the same period current expenditures by state and local governments increased more than two billion dollars a year—\$2,000,000,000—and they are still increasing.

Rising taxes are one of the initial moving forces of the vicious circle of rising costs. Labor asks for higher wages. Producers and distributors pass along the accumulating burden to swell the family budget of the ultimate consumer. This, too, involves higher rents (or home ownership cost), higher food, fuel and clothing costs, etc.

After all, railroads are like any other industry. The farmer does not look forward to his tax bill with more anxiety than does the railroad.

Have we not reached the danger line?

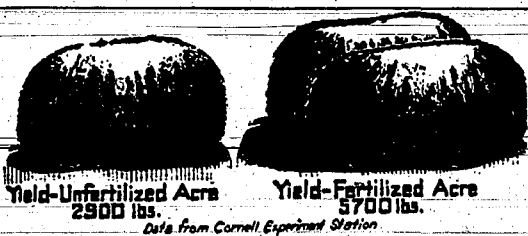
Is it not time to retrench state, county and local expenditures?

MICHIGAN RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

FERTILIZERS SAVE FEED BILLS

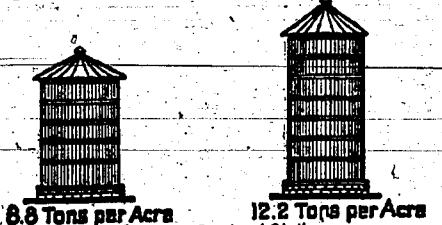
More Hay

Without Fertilizer With Fertilizer



More Silage

Without Fertilizer With Fertilizer



LESS FEED TO BUY

1927



This messenger of good will is to thank you for the many favors you have shown us in the past and to extend to you and yours the fond hope that the New Year may be blessed with happiness and prosperity.

Mac & Gidley

PHONE 18 THE REXALL STORE

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1926

Carl Sorenson was in Bay City Wednesday on business.

Remember, there is a difference in Bread—Blue Bird.

Mrs. Edward McCracken of Fredrick called on Grayling friends Wednesday.

Mrs. William Fairbairn is enjoying the pleasures of a new "Easy" washer.

Fred Lamm of Monroe was a Christmas guest in the home of Mrs. Celia Granger.

Save your goose oil. We pay highest market prices for it. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deekrow spent some Christmas with relatives in Bay City, returning this week.

Arthur Parker and family have moved from the old Pomeroy place to the dwelling over the Grayling creamery.

Electric appliances are modern—spend Christmas in Detroit visiting and appropriate gifts. See them on display at Grayling Electric show Miss Alice Bunker, expecting to return the last of the week.

Ned Woodman is funny. You will laugh at him and with him if you see him in the Christian church at Lansing and hear him in his program at the Michigan Memorial church next Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Earl Foland and children of Lansing have been guests at the Herbert E. Parker home for Christmas and over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson of Flat Rock are spending the holidays, the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Olson.

Claude Bissonette, who is attending school in Saginaw is spending the holiday vacation visiting his mother, Mrs. Hattie Bissonette.

Menne Corwin visited over Christmas in Ann Arbor with Mrs. Corwin, who is caring for Mrs. Geo. Schable at the University hospital.

Woodman, the popular cartoonist and humorist, will entertain you at the Michigan Memorial church next Thursday evening, January 6.

Miss Annabelle McLeod returned Wednesday morning after spending Christmas in Detroit, and has resumed her duties at the Schlotz grocery.

Miss Emma Peterson, Axel and Therswald Peterson of Detroit visited over Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson.

Edgar Douglas, who is attending the U. of M. at Ann Arbor is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Douglas, at the Lovell during the holiday vacation.

Miss Camilla Hum left Friday to spend Christmas in Detroit visiting and appropriate gifts. See them on display at Grayling Electric show Miss Alice Bunker, expecting to return the last of the week.

Miss Mildred Corwin, who is teaching in the Christian church at Lansing and hear him in his program at the Michigan Memorial church next Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin.

Buy World's Star Hosiery and "Klean Knit" underwear. Special prices now. Mrs. Jas. McDonnell, local representative.

Come on to the Barn Dance, all you old time hoofs, for we're going to introduce a few good old fashioned dances, Temple Theatre, Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Harold and Frank Schmidt, who are employed in Detroit, are spending the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gothro have as their guests over the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Thurston and little daughter Jane of Perry, Mich. Mrs. Thurston is the daughter of Mrs. Gothro.

The county board of supervisors will open the regular annual January session next week Tuesday. This is a week earlier than usual in order to not interfere with the circuit court, which will convene January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kernes and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward King of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Cody and three children of Bay City over Christmas. Some of the party remained for a longer visit.

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George VanPatten of the "Try It" cafe left Friday night for Detroit to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Glen Penard and other relatives who gathered at the Penard home. He will also visit friends in Flint before returning here.

Peter Babbitt, who has been a member of the coast guards and has been lately stationed at Deer Park station on Lake Superior, has resigned and arrived home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben S. Babbitt.

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Dr. and Mrs. C. J. McCann visited over Christmas at the home of the former's parents in Charlevoix.

Miss Eva Smith of River Rouge is spending the holidays with her brother, Supt. B. E. Smith and family.

Miss Mabel Shipley enjoyed Christmas with friends in Gaylord, returning to Grayling Monday afternoon.

The L. N. L. will hold their installation of officers at their business meeting Wednesday evening, January 5. All members are requested to be present. Pot luck lunch.

See Miss Anita Thomas in a dance specialty at the Old Barn Dance at the Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th.

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Fred Edwards of Flint is spending the holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nellie Edwards and with other friends.

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Schram's seven-piece orchestra will furnish the music at the Charity Ball, Friday, Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve, at the school gymnasium.

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Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and daughter, Elna Mae are in Cadillac, where they were called early last week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Zalsman of Detroit spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Zalsman, returning to Detroit Monday.

Miss Viva Hoesli, who is attending Memorial hospital nurses' college in Owosso, was home over Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoesli.

Russell Robertson, who is attending M. S. C. at Lansing arrived home Friday morning to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Robertson.

Miss Helen Johnson, formerly of Grayling, visited friends here Sunday enroute to Detroit from Gaylord, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Meyer.

Miss Ruby Stephan, who is attending business college in Toledo, Ohio, is spending the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stephan, on the AuSable.

Grand prize for the most comical dressed rube couple, who attend the barn dance at the Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th. Souvenirs, confetti, novelties and fun.

Santa Claus left as gifts on Christmas morning, a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Matthews and a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Vincent. All are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Melistrup and children of Detroit and Miss Kristine Salling, who is teaching at Alma, are spending the holidays at the home of the ladies' mother, Mrs. Victor Salling.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Nelson entertained the members of the former's family at dinner on Christmas eve. Afterwards they enjoyed the Nelson Christmas tree and spent the evening "listening in" on the radio.

Sigurd Johnson, who is taking a course in pharmacy at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, is home for the holidays, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson motoring over to Big Rapids to accompany him home.

Come on girls, put on your gingham and come to "Ye Old-Time Barn Dance," and enjoy the best time of your life. Novelties, noise-makers and fun galore. Temple theatre, Thursday, January 6th.

B. E. Smith and family are enjoying a visit from his mother, who intends to remain for some time. She has been making her home with relatives in Spokane, Washington, and other western cities for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dekett and baby of Alpena are visiting at the home of Mrs. Dekett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen, expecting to remain here for the winter.

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May they ring in for one and all
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Mrs. Dell Walt joined Mr. Walt in Detroit, spending Christmas there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillett visited over Christmas with relatives in Bay City.

All who are in favor of a skating rink on the school grounds again this winter, say aye.

Ed Gibbons was in Detroit a few days last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. F. Butler.

John Forger and family, who have been residing in Flint, have returned to Grayling to reside.

Carl Loskos of Grand Rapids is spending the holidays visiting his mother, Mrs. Kate Loskos.

Archie Cripps returned Christmas day from a two weeks visit in Ada, Okla., Detroit and Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bailey and daughter, Miss Janice, spent Christmas with relatives in Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chappell and son Roy of Caro are spending the holidays visiting friends and relatives here.

Einer Jorgenson of Detroit is home over the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Jorgenson.

Miss Kathryn Craft of Rose City is visiting at the home of her brother, Emory Craft and family for the holiday vacation.

Peter McNeven drove to Petoskey Saturday morning to eat Christmas dinner at the V. A. Baker home, returning Sunday afternoon.

Wesley LaGrow, who is employed in Bay City, is home for the holidays visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

John Huber left Friday night for Detroit visiting over Christmas with his wife, who is spending the winter with her parents. He returned Wednesday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jake Burnham are spending the holiday vacation with relatives in St. Louis.

Miss Ann Fisher of Cheboygan is here to spend New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trudell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Rautier and son Ralph are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bauman.

Miss Ona Lozon visited over Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lozon of Maple Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrie returned yesterday from Maple Ridge, where they spent Christmas visiting the latter's mother.

Ned Woodman, cartoonist for Life, Judge and other popular publications, will make you forget your troubles for awhile January 6th, at the Michigan Memorial church.

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Woodman is well known all over the country. He is a prince of entertainers. He is both cartoonist and humorist.

Woodman has developed his "chalk talk" into a spectacular entertainment. His musical and cartoon comedies are the result of many years of chautauqua training and experience. There is plenty of sound philosophy mingled with his fun.

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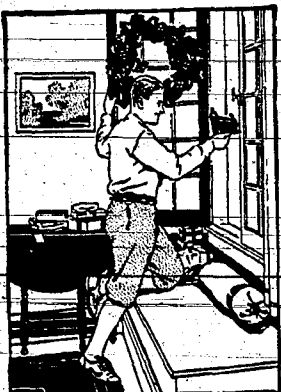
We are not unmindful of the pleasant relationship that has existed between us. We thank you for the opportunities we have enjoyed of serving you and shall earnestly strive to deserve your increasing confidence in the future.

In the spirit of this season of Good Will, we extend Greetings, and wish for you and yours a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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Local News

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Henry Ahman, who is attending the U. of M., Ann Arbor, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows and family visited over Christmas with relatives in Cheboygan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockwell of Gaylord over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Anderson of Maple Forest are visiting her father, William Johnson and family.

Henry Buckholz, who is employed by the Kerry & Way company of Saginaw visited over Christmas with his family here.

Charles DeWaele, who was a patient at Grayling Mercy hospital for several weeks, was dismissed last Thursday and returned to his home in Roscommon.

James Richardson, who was home from Pontiac over Christmas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson of South Branch, spent Sunday here a guest in the Frank Ahman home.

Miss Astrid Ahman, who is employed as bookkeeper and stenographer in the offices of Grinnell Bros. in Detroit was home over Christmas, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ahman.

Tonight and tomorrow night "The Son of the Shiek" featuring the beloved Rudolph Valentino will be presented at the Grayling Opera House. W. C. Fields in "So's Your Old Man" is the feature for New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson and sons and Mrs. Olson's mother, Mrs. Ellen Felling moved to Saginaw and spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas. While away E. J. purchased a fine new Hudson coach.

Good heating stove for sale at the Avalanche office.

FREDERIC

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goldie and children of Henderson were here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burke on their way to Colbourne, Ont. to see his mother who is very ill.

Last Monday the remains of Lawrence Moran was brought here for interment from Detroit. He was the youngest brother of Mrs. Norman Fisher, also of Joseph Moran of Alba and Philip of Grayling. Rev. Randall delivered a good sermon, while some beautiful songs were sung by a small choir. The song "I'll be with you in the morning" was especially beautiful.

Thursday morning while Mr. and Mrs. McClain and family were at breakfast in the kitchen, they smelled smoke and opening the middle door, found the front room enveloped in flames, and had hard work to save a sick boy. Nothing was saved to amount to anything. Mr. and Mrs. McClain are hard working, industrious people, and at this time of year should be generously helped, as they could ill afford such a loss.

Mrs. J. J. Higgins is on the sick list, being under the doctor's care.

The Christmas trees, both at the school house and church, were very beautiful and the programs rendered were fine. Those of special mention were Miss Lena Bader and the stringed quartette, composed of Robert Hunter, sister Annabelle and Ruth Forbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wikson spent Sunday in Petoskey.

Clarence Armstrong was home for the holidays, accompanied by Mrs. Mattie Moore.

Miss Gertrude Lapham is spending the holidays in Saginaw.

The Florida tourists arrived safely at Melrose and Orlando.

Dr. Saunders of Gaylord spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunter. Art, Pledge and wife are spending the holidays with his people at Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wallace are visiting at Battle Creek.

Leece Ashenfelter of Grayling spent Christmas with Miss Annabelle Hunter.

Pete Ries of Blissfield spent Christmas with Max Tobin.

Charles Bader and family ate their Christmas turkey at Waters with Joe Dormires.

Ed, Barber of Chicago Heights and Elton of Flint, spent Christmas at home with their mother.

Jimmie Horton returned home to Pontiac for the holidays.

Lieut. Preston, of the aeroplane corps, and wife are home with the Charles Craven family.

Ethel Parson is visiting her sister in Detroit.

Clarence Welch and Patsy McKay were at home over Christmas.

Mrs. McCracken found it necessary to have her dog shot. The only fault he had was crankiness towards children.

NED WOODMAN COMING HERE JANUARY 6TH

Wherever Ned Woodman, well-known cartoonist and entertainer, who comes here next Thursday evening on the tyeen course, presents one of his famous cheerlogs, critics are unanimously enthusiastic. Here are a few typical comments on Mr. Woodman and his work:

Ned Woodman is in a class by himself and a constant state of mind by his unique sketches. Woodman is more than an artist; he is a poet, a philosopher, a psychologist and a revelation of man to himself. "Citizen Frazz, Jackson, Mich."

"So much for the money," "educational as well as entertaining," "the best ever," these and many other comments of kindred nature express the universal favor with which the work of that most genial of cartoonists and artists, Ned Woodman, was received Thanksgiving evening. His stories were pithy, his impersonations true to life and his cartoons and caricatures characteristic.

—Truth, Chubbuck, Ind.

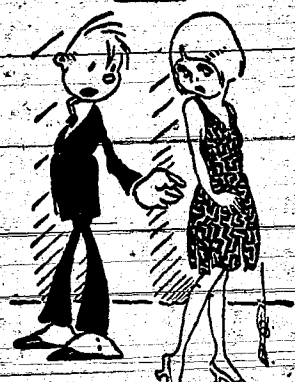
Ned Woodman is not only a cartoonist of first rank, but a fine caricaturist. His rich humor, so natural and unaffected, at once won his audience. The large audience thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed the entertainment. Register, Barker, N. Y.

WHERE YOU LIVE



Friend—Are you walking to reduce? She—No—where's that?

SPENT HIS DOLLAR



He—'d spend my last dollar on you—and you know it. She—Gosh! I thought you had.

CLOTHES LACKING



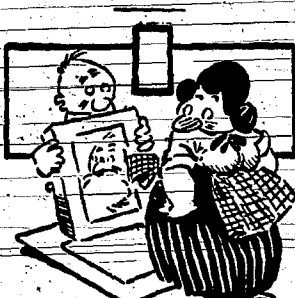
First College Girl—We're not going to have class pins this year. Second Ditto—No? Why? First Ditto—Well, you've got to have clothes to pin 'em on, haven't you?

A PEACHBLOW



"Must be a 'peach' tree, from what's up in it." "On the same principle, it would be a nut tree if you were here."

A WEIGHTY SUBJECT



Pewee—Where do you want me to hang this portrait of your father? His Wife—Don't try to lift that portrait. You'll strain your back. Father weighed two hundred and fifty pounds when he had it painted.

HE DROVE A CAR



She—Thirty days mean a month, don't they? He—Yes—when they don't mean a fall.

CONTRASTS IN MEXICO



Transportation in Mexico.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

PERHAPS nowhere else in the world is there a country so full of contrast as Mexico. With a university established before John Harvard, Elmo Yule, or William and Mary were born, the masses of its people are ignorant. With a hospital founded before Jamestown was even dreamed of, it is backward in a medical way. With natural riches greater than those of a thousand Midases, its masses are as poor as the proverbial church mouse.

Here you will see a Mexican half-breed, barefooted, wearing a dollar pair of trousers, a fifty-cent shirt, and a ten-dollar sombrero. There, at a single glance and within the length of a single city block, you may see an Indian cargador, a donkey, an ox-cart, a carriage, a railroad train, a street car, and an automobile—almost every type of locomotion since Adam.

You may tread the burning sands of a tropical desert with the wet of the perpetual snow of towering mountains still upon your shoes. You may take a single railway journey of 24 hours in which the people you see at the railroad station will be dressed in four different weights of clothing.

Land of the indolently rich and of the abjectly poor; land of the aboriginal Indian and of the twentieth-century business man; land of perpetual snow and of unending summer—everywhere you turn there is contrast, light and dark, heat and cold.

Mexico has an area approximately one-fourth of that of the United States. It has a coast line some 3,000 miles long, although its greatest length is less than 2,000 miles, and its greatest breadth only 750 miles. Although its area is only one-fourth that of Brazil, its population is approximately equal to that of the empire of the southern continent. Some 14,000,000 souls live within its borders, of whom more than two-thirds can neither read nor write.

Of the total population, only about 10 per cent are white, 48 per cent are mixed percentage, while 48 per cent still maintain their Indian blood uncorrupted.

Vast Agricultural Resources. The agricultural possibilities of Mexico, despite its vast central desert plain, are great. It has millions of acres of the finest grazing land, great bodies of land that will produce two crops of corn a year, large areas of banana lands that can match those of Guatemala and Costa Rica, coffee lands that produce coffee not only fit for the "queen's table," but used on all, rubber lands, and cocoa lands, all lying accessible to good railroads and in touch with the world's markets.

Go to Yucatan, go to Colima, go to Chihuahua, go to Vera Cruz, and everywhere outside the great desert you will find a soil teeming with possibilities. And portions even of the desert land, if we may judge by what we have done with our own western alkali plains, may yet be made to blossom when the irrigationist and the plant breeder join hands.

A trip along the Pan-American railroad, with its magnificent forests and great ancient estates, among them one on which the cattle still wear the brand of Cortes; over the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, where the tropical jungle rivals that of the Motagua river valley in Guatemala, which has been pronounced by travelers "one of the richest in the world, and then on up through the great Atlantic plain of middle Mexico, suggests the immense undeveloped resources of the country.

In the middle and lower altitude belts of the country the banana and the orange flourish. The excellent railroad facilities of Mexico give a good outlet to the ports at Vera Cruz and Tampico, where ships are constantly loading for European and American ports. The oranges of eastern Mexico are nearer to the eastern part of the United States than are those of southern California, and are of a finer quality.

Known. With the same methods of cultivation that are pursued in Florida and southern California, they should be a source of vast wealth to the country.

Although the value of the corn produced in Mexico each year is greater than that of any other product, not even excepting gold or silver, the country still has to import a part of its supply. The reason is not far to seek—it is the nation-wide love for the tortilla. There are vast areas where it is easy to produce two crops of corn a year and where each crop grows with an exuberance that would delight the heart of any corn-club connoisseur in the United States.

Cotton a Profitable Crop. History does not recall the time when cotton first was cultivated in Mexico. The Spaniards found it there. Indians, clothed with cotton garments were first seen by Columbus along the coast of Yucatan at the very dawn of the sixteenth century. The Toltecs wrote in their sacred books that Quetzalcoatl, god of the air, grew cotton of all colors in his garden and taught them its many uses. In the shoes of Cortes the Indians quilted armor of cotton, which was proof against arrows.

To this day cotton is cultivated with profit in many parts of the country. In the Laguna region it is perennial and does not require to be planted oftener than once in ten years.

Mexico probably has a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world. This parrot fruit tree produces an odd-shaped fruit, bearing a close resemblance to green parakeets. Evidently, the fruit of this striking resemblance, when the parakeet is frightened, it makes a dash for the parrot tree, where it assumes a position which makes it look like the fruit itself.

Another remarkable tree is the "Arbol de Dinamita"—dynamite tree—whose fruit, if kept in a warm place, bursts with considerable force and a loud report, scattering its flat seeds to a surprising distance.

One of the most interesting fruits in Mexico is known as the melon zapote, or papaya. It grows wild and attains a height of as much as 25 feet. The dark-green leaves are from 20 to 30 inches long and grow at the top of an otherwise leafless trunk. The fruit would seem a cross between a watermelon, a pumpkin, and a watermelon. The tree begins to bear fruit when a year old, producing from 20 to 100 melons at a time, a single one of which may weigh as much as 20 pounds.

No other country in the New World, south of the Rio Grande, is so well supplied with railroads as Mexico. Prior to the Madero revolution, it had 20,000 miles of up-to-date American railroad. Now about 18,000 miles are in operation. At six different points lines crossed the frontier from the United States, and Laredo, Eagle Pass and El Paso gateways, handled much traffic to and from Mexico. The Mexican railroads carried 11,000,000 passengers annually at that time, and handled about 11,000,000 tons of freight. Their total revenues amounted to about \$40,000,000.

Rich in Minerals. Humboldt once pronounced Mexico "the treasure-house of the world." It produces one-third of the world's silver, a considerable percentage of its gold, one-ninth of its lead, and one-twentieth of its copper. The country's mineral production, exclusive of iron, coal, and petroleum, amounted to \$158,000,000 in 1910, but the output dropped after the fall of Diaz. With the exception of Campeche, Tabasco and Yucatan, every state in the Mexican republic possesses mines, of which there are 21,000, covering 633,000 acres of mineral lands. They gave employment at one time to half a million men. Yet probably less than one-fourth of the mineral possibilities of the republic have been exploited. Prior to the outbreak of the Madero revolution, upward of 5,000 mining claims were registered each year.

The famous iron mountain at Durango is estimated to contain 6,000,000 tons of iron-ore, which is worth seven times the value of all the gold and silver mined in Mexico in two centuries. It is believed that this deposit was formed by the same process that made the Hudson river platinum near New York city.

The Santa Maria graphite mines are the largest and most important in the western world. There are seven beds of graphite deposits, varying in thickness from 8 to 10 feet. They were formed from coal beds by the changes brought about by flows of molten granite.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Sault Ste. Marie—Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was without light and power for some little time because of another ice in the power canals. Moving picture houses and industries dependent on electric power were closed.

Jackson—The plant of the Hinkley Motors Corporation here was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin with a loss estimated at \$250,000. The building was a three-story brick structure, formerly occupied by the Mott Wheel Co.

Ironwood—Twenty-two men who did extraordinary work in the rescue of 43 miners entombed in Q shaft of the Fabat Mine here several months ago, were presented with gold watches and medals by the Oliver Iron Mining Co. owners of the mine.

Harbor Springs—An outbreak of scarlet fever has developed in a few families here and a ban has been put on all public gatherings. Theatres and churches will not open for several days by order of the State Board of Health. Schools are allowed to continue.

Wyandotte—Caught in a sewer cavern, Andrew Molnar, 45 years old, was buried in dirt up to his neck for more than two hours before his cries were heard by a passerby. Police, called by the man who discovered Molnar's plight, rescued him. He suffered from exposure and an injured back.

Cadillac—Senator-elect Albert J. Engle, of Lake City, in an address before the Cadillac Chapter of the Isak Walton League of America, explained his intention to propose, at the next session of the State Legislature, a \$5,000,000 bond issue to finance establishment of game refuges in this state. The Cadillac chapter approves the plan.

Ann Arbor—A mailman walking rapidly for eight and one-half hours each day would be necessary to carry the mail to the miniature city of the University of Michigan, a check up of an average day's activity by officials shows. A total weight of 320 pounds and a total of 2,217 pieces were counted in the average day's delivery. The mail is distributed about the campus to members of the faculty and department offices.

Ann Arbor—Plans for the new museum to be constructed at a cost of \$600,000 at the University of Michigan have been submitted to Dr. Alexander G. Ruthven, director of the present University of Michigan museum. Dr. Ruthven will go over the plans and will then pass them on to the board of regents for final approval before the actual construction of the new museum will be begun. It is planned to break ground for the new building early next year.

Menominee—Prince, a 35-pound colt, is credited by his owner, Maud Dvoracek, Menominee Township farmer, with saving his life when the log gave battle to a 1,500-pound bull and routed the animal. Dvoracek said that the bull attacked him as he entered his stall. He was flung against a partition and received four broken ribs. Lying there helpless, Dvoracek called to the dog, who came and attacked the animal, routing him just as he was preparing to charge him again.

Iron River—When Miss Ruth Borne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Borne, of this city, was married recently to Charles Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Olsen of Armstrong Creek, Wis., it was the third marriage between brothers and sisters. Miss Dora Borne was married to Ted Olsen two years ago and Miss Amy Borne was married to Archie Olsen a year ago. A fourth Borne daughter is engaged to marry a fourth Olsen. The newly married couple live on farms adjacent to each other.

Ann Arbor—Water is flowing from the excavations for the University of Michigan's new million-dollar stadium at the rate of 950,000 gallons daily. It was revealed here in a report given by Howard K. Hollands, consulting engineer for the city water department. The flow of water is seriously hampering construction work on the stadium but the situation will be remedied as soon as a drain now being constructed, is finished. This drain will serve as an outlet for the water in the flooded area.

Detroit—Physical violence came near supplanting judicial calmness in Justice I. Eugene Sharp's court, when Melba Ruben, a woman attorney, threatened to slap his honor's face, after she said the justice had squared off with the apparent intention of striking her husband, who is also an attorney. As a result of the fracas, Ruben and his wife were cited for contempt and remained to the custody of the sheriff. Rather than serve 30 days in jail, the couple apologized and were released.

Monroe—Members of Monroe lodge No. 27 F. & A. M. held a banquet here recently at the Masonic temple in accordance with a bequest of Colonel Ira G. Humphrey, for 45 years a member of the order, a former lawyer of Detroit, and Monroe, who died here May 23, 1924. The banquet was served by the stewards of the lodge in strict accordance with the will of Colonel Humphrey, made July 5, 1922, which provided after he had been buried with Masonic rites, the lodge which performed them was to enjoy the feast.

Hillsdale—Alva A. Ross, mail carrier on route 2 out of Wadron, has retired, having served the United States postal department for 25 years. He also celebrated his sixtieth birthday anniversary recently.

Detroit—A large basswood tree, overhanging the banks of the Grand River near here, was discovered to be the home of the largest raccoon ever captured in this section. The animal weighed 35 pounds and before being taken by Frank Hughes, a painter, of Lansing, was able to make a mess out of its captor's thumb.

Detroit—Henry Ford's fortune is two billion dollars, based on the earning capacity of his huge automobile interests. At present, with his son, Edsel, he carries a cash balance in Detroit which varies somewhere between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000. A prominent Detroit statistician is authority for the first statement.

Lansing—The State Highway Department, according to E. C. Tiney, maintenance engineer, plans to keep a total of 5,704 miles of trunk line highway cleared of snow this winter. This includes 4,571 miles in the Lower Peninsula and 953 miles in the Upper Peninsula. The total distance kept open last winter was 4,061 miles and the cost of it averaged \$44 per mile.

Ann Arbor—The annual All-American at Grantland Rice and Walter Eckersall, both nationally known football authorities, have been announced, and the two are in agreement on the 11 best players in America for 1926. Both chose Benny Friedman of Michigan as the captain of their teams, and both also picked Bennie Oosterbaan. Their choices for all other positions also were identical.

Muskegon—Thirty-four thousand fans paid admission to watch Muskegon High play at its home football games this season. Sixty thousand fans saw the team play at home and abroad. More than 9,000, the capacity of Muskegon field, witnessed the Grand Rapids Central game here Thanksgiving, when Muskegon finished its season and won the state title. Other fans were unable to get seats.

Detroit—Detroit, which brought individual transportation to the world in the automobile, will take another step forward in world leadership of personal service in business when the First National bank shall have completed its 18-story garage building, directly connected with the bank, for the use of its customers and tenants of its office building, about a year hence. The building will have space for 700 cars.

Detroit—The Detroit street railway and the water board, as corporations, do not have to pay the 13 1/2 per cent levy imposed by the revenue act of 1926. It was decided by the Commission of Internal Revenue, following a conference with Mayor John W. Smith, which the mayor was in Washington recently. On the other hand, the employees of both the water board and street railway must pay income taxes until the law can be amended.

Praverse City—While some of the older boys operated fire extinguishers to keep the flames in check, others led smaller children to safety when fire broke out in the Oak Park Grammar school here. Three hundred and seventy-five pupils and their teachers escaped from the building in perfect order. Forty-five seconds after the fire was discovered the building had been cleared of children. Teachers were unanimous in saying that the older boys averted a panic.

Battle Creek—Although Stuart Rodgers 45 years old, was not accused of any specific act, a jury in Municipal Court found him guilty of contributing to the delinquency of minor children and Judge Carl S. Gray sentenced Rodgers to 60 days in the county jail. Rodgers was accused of taking girls to picture shows and on automobile rides. More than 20 young girls testified for the prosecution and all said Rodgers always had treated them well and they went with him "because he was so nice."

Detroit—Detroit police must, and will, shoot it out with killers, with all gunning, hand-to-hand, and gangsters. It will be war to the death. The outlaws or the police men must fall in definite defeat. There can be no further compromise. This, in substance, was the grim edict issued by Police Commissioner Wm. P. Rutledge, who did not conceal the fact that he was aroused to desperation by the cold-blooded murders by bandits and series of other outrages in recent weeks, with no apparent captives.

Detroit—The Wright-engineered folklor monoplane, with which Commander Richard E. Byrd and Pilot Floyd Bennett flew over the North Pole this year, will be flown to Detroit soon by the explorers to be placed permanently in the Ford Museum at Dearborn. It is Henry Ford's plan to place in his museum notable vehicles of land and air, early automobiles and airplanes and the like. The Byrd plane bore the name of Edsel Ford's daughter Josephine. Edsel Ford was the earliest backer of Byrd's successful flight.

Lansing—"King" Benjamin Funnell, of the House of David, rewarded his captor with another trophy. Detective Herman W. Kays, of the State Police, received a gold pin with a moon stone setting. An accompanying letter, signed "House of David, per E. M." said: "This pin is one that was especially prized by Benjamin and was one of his special likes." When the cult leader was being taken to jail immediately after his capture he untied a yellow-belt ribbon from his long gray hair and gave it to Kays, promising another souvenir later.

TWO FARM MEASURES OFFERED IN SENATE

McNary and Harrison Proposals Submitted—Hearings Next Month.

Washington—Seeking to link the South with the West in a unified demand for farm relief by legislation, Representative Fulmer, Democrat of South Carolina, introduced a new agricultural measure to the house. It differs in only one respect from the McNary bill now before the senate—in that it suspends operation of the equalization fee on cotton for two years after passage. It will be known as the Fulmer-McNary bill.

Washington—A contender with the McNary measure for the farm relief honors in the senate has appeared in the form of a bill prepared by Senator Harrison of Mississippi, proposing to relieve agriculture by permitting the federal intermediate credit banks to lend farmers \$1,200,000,000.

Denouncing the McNary bill as an espousal of the principle of protective tariff, the Mississippi senator declared the real way to relieve agriculture was by liberalizing the intermediate credit system to permit any farmer to borrow money at low interest to hold his crop for better prices.

The McNary bill, a revision of the McNary-Haugen equalization fee measure designed to gain wider support while retaining the fundamental elements of that proposal, was recently introduced in the senate, but was held out of the house hopper pending an agreement among proponents on a name for it and on certain of its provisions.

Agriculture committees of both houses are expected to begin hearings on the measure next month. Under the Harrison bill the capital stock of the twelve intermediate credit banks would be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$100,000,000 each, with authority for each to make loans up to ten times its capital stock.

The interest rate would be fixed at 4 per cent and loans could be made on 80 per cent of the market value of the product. The present law requiring the intermediate banks to lend only to co-operative organizations "would be broadened to permit the banks to make loans to individuals, firms and corporations with warehouses, receipts or shipping documents as security."

All agricultural products are included in the bill, with a particular provision for cotton, authorizing loans on all grades, including low grades that are now barred from loans. "A great emergency now exists and every reasonable credit should be extended by the government to aid and assist," Senator Harrison declared in a statement.

Provision for federal advances of cash to strengthen and render efficient farmers' co-operatives, supporting or directly marketing and stabilizing prices, is a major provision of the revamped McNary-Haugen agricultural relief bill.

Revision of the bill, not with regard to principles but in details, was made necessary to opposition which developed against it in both the house and senate.

In its reintroduction, Chairman McNary, of the agricultural committee, declared that in order to remedy the condition of the American farmer, some way of handling surplus crops without loss must be found. It was essential to the nation, he said, that farmers in the United States maintain a high standard of living. Under present unequal price conditions it is impossible for them to keep a high standard. He stated that "when a farmer has a bumper crop he generally has less money than if it were only a fair sized crop." Senator McNary added that a good yield of wheat or oats or cotton might be the ruination of agriculturists, as it had been found that for every increase in suitable farm products, a corresponding price drop usually occurred—and generally the price depression was greater in the times more than market conditions warranted.

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